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SUBJECT: EXPORT QUARANTINE FOR CATTLE

- 1. TAK & CO., INC. OF FUKUOKA HAS BEEN REGULARLY IMPORTING LIVE CATTLE FOR SLAUGHTER FROM US SINCE EARLY 1976. IT HAS CHARTERED A PAN AM CARGO FLIGHT TO SHIP 52 STEERS TO JAPAN FROM PORTLAND, OREGON, ON MARCH 15, 1977, BUT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY US FEDERAL VETERINARIAN TO SHIP CATTLE FROM MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON, INSTEAD OF PORTLAND FOR UNKNOWN REASONS.
- 2. THIS CREATES INSOLUBLE PROBLEM FOR TAK SINCE PAN AM LOADS CATTLE IN CONTAINERS, BUT THERE IS NO EQUIPMENT FOR LOADING SUCH CONTAINERS AT MOSES LAKE. UNLESS CATTLE ARE SHIPPED FROM PORTLAND ON THIS DATE THERE WILL ALSO BE NO ANIMAL QUARANTINE SPACE AVILABLE IN JAPAN. EVEN IF SUCH SPACE WERE AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, SUCH CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ARE ENTAILED IN COPING WITH CONTAINER LOADING PROBLEM THAT EXPORT MAY BECOME UNPROFITABLE.
- 3. TAK CO. HAS REQUESTED CONSULATE'S ASSISTANCE IN FINDING SOLUTION TO PROBLEM. ANY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH CAN BE MADE BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO CONDUCT QUARANTINE INSPECTION AT PORTLAND WOULD BE APPRECIATED HERE. UNCLASSIFIED

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